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The reply brief filed April 8, 2004 has been not been entered because the amended claims presented with the reply brief changes the scope of the invention and raises new issues that were not considered before.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday

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